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SUBJ: IRAQI REACTION TO COMM CONFERENCE IN TEHRAN

1. NEA COM CONFERENCE HAS BEEN MAJOR STORY IN IRAQI MEDIA SINCE APR 25 AND SUBJ OF SIX EDITORIALS. THRUST OF EDITORIAL COMMENT IS THAT CONFERENCE CONVENED TO DEVELOP NEW STRATEGY AND CONSPIRACIES TO COMBAT U. S. ENERGY CRISIS AND TO DESTROY PROGRESSIVE FORCES IN AREA, PARTICULARLY IRAQ. CONSPIRATORIAL NATURE OF CONFERENCE OBVIOUS SINCE MEETING HELD IN TEHRAN WITH AMBASSADOR HELMS AS HOST AND ATTENDED BY CIA (SIC) DIRECTOR KEOGH. OBJECTIVES OF U. S. POLICY DESCRIBED AS CREATION OF ZIONIST- REACTIONARY AXIS OF ISRAEL, SAUDIA ARABIA AND IRAN TO DOMINATE AREA, SAFEGUARD ACCESS TO OIL, AND DESTROY PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE IN NAME OF ANTI-TERRORISM. GENERAL GOODPASTER'S VISIT CITED AS PROOF OF MILITARY NATURE OF ALLIANCE.

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2. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR HAD MEETING ON OTHER SUBJECT WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY UNDER SECRETARY TAQA ON APR 28 DURING WHICH TAQA MADE EMOTIONAL DENUNCIATION OF COM CONFERENCE AND SAID " WE KNOW IT WAS DIRECTED AGAINST IRAQ."

3. COMMENT: IRAQI REACTION IS NOT UNEXPECTED AND THERE IS LITTLE WE CAN DO ABOUT IT SINCE GOI HAS CHOSEN TO IGNORE NOTE USINT SENT TO FOREIGN MINISTRY DESCRIBING ROUTINE NATURE OF CONFERENCE. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL LIKE TAQA UNDOUBTEDLY KNOW BETTER AND THEIR DENUNCIATION OF CONFERENCE SEEMS TO CONFIRM THAT HIGHEST BAATH LEADERS REMAIN CONVINCED THAT U. S. SEEKING OVERTHROW OF THIS REGIME.
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